

# St. Bavo Parish

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## Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

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## Mass Times

### Sunday

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

### Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM (in the chapel)

### Friday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

### Saturday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

5:00 PM (Vigil)

## Confession

### Saturday

9:00 to 10:00 AM

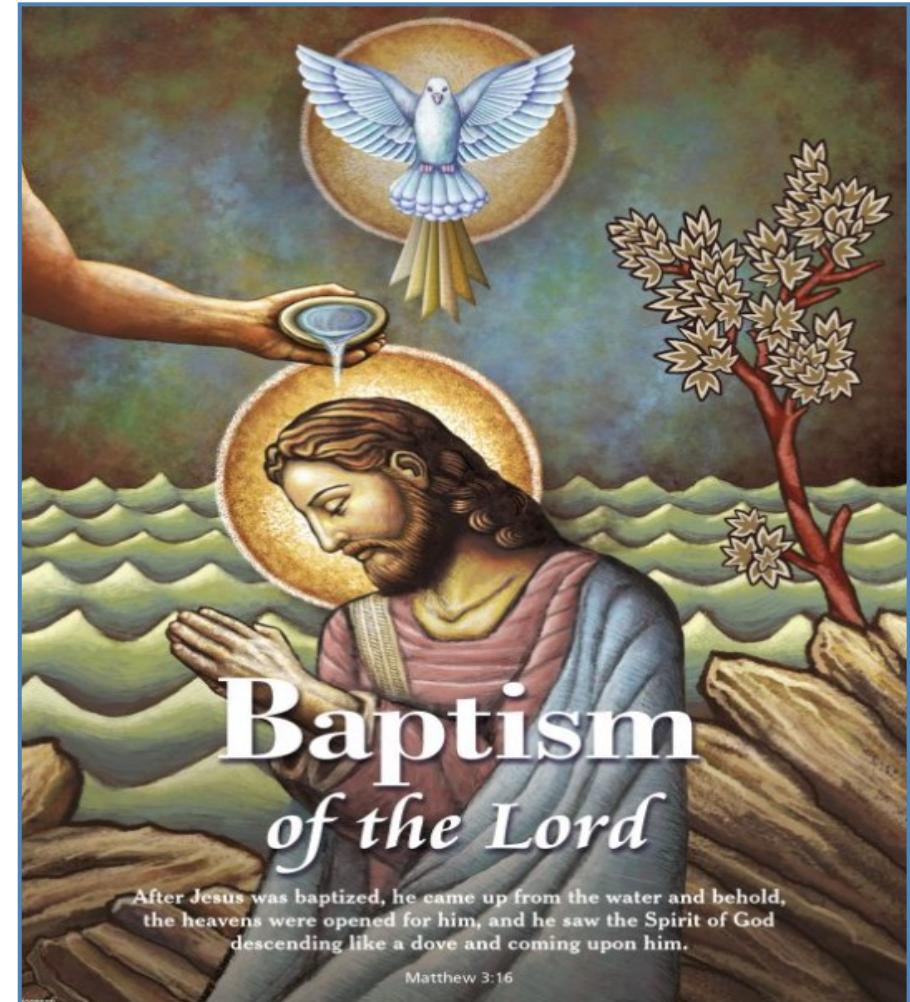
## Mishawaka Catholic School

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574-255-1437

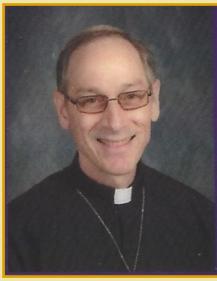
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January 11, 2026  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

## Mission Statement

*We, the people of St. Bavo Parish are committed to be the living presence of Christ in the world today. Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live our shared commitment through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, spiritual growth, bearing witness to faith and service to all.*



Today's feast recalling the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. This transition of liturgical seasons mirrors the gospels, which all begin the story of Jesus' public life with his baptism by John. Since we are in Year A of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, the Sunday gospels for

Ordinary Time will follow the Gospel of Matthew from the beginning of Jesus' public ministry until the day before his arrest. The weekday readings follow the same pattern, but there are enough days in the week to cover all of Jesus' public life *three times*. So, we start with Marks' version, then continue with Matthew's and Luke's versions, and complete all three by the last week in Ordinary Time.

Mark doesn't waste any time introducing Jesus to his readers. Compared to the other gospel writers, who came after him, Mark devotes very little space to Jesus' teachings, and he offers very little commentary of his own. He moves rapidly from one event to the next, often with abrupt transitions between passages. His Gospel is all action, all the time. Nowhere is this more evident than in Week One of Ordinary Time. In barely more than one chapter of text, Mark relates a whole series of events which define who Jesus is and clearly establish his authority and his mission as the Messiah.

Monday's gospel begins with a passing reference to John the Baptist being arrested. This prompts Jesus to go back to his home region of Galilee and begin his public ministry there. His message is, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Note the subtle difference between his message and that of John the Baptist. The Kingdom of God *is already here*. The time of preparation is over. Now it's time to embrace the Good News that Jesus brings. The call is urgent. And we can see that by the way Jesus immediately starts calling disciples to follow him, beginning with four fishermen: Peter and Andrew, James and John.

Next, Jesus quickly establishes his divine authority. He does this in three ways. First, he teaches in the synagogues on the Sabbath. In his day, ordinary lay people were allowed to speak in the synagogues, but no one expected them to outshine the scribes and Pharisees, the "official" teachers of Israel. Jesus further demonstrates his authority by casting out demons and curing people of all sorts of illnesses, including leprosy. Soon, he has to seek out deserted places just to get some rest from the demanding crowds.

By the end of the week, Jesus is already getting into trouble with the religious leaders, because he is claiming to forgive sins. He even calls a tax collector to be his disciple, and he welcomes many other tax collectors and public sinners, who are drawn by his message of mercy. A clear portrait of Jesus is quickly coming into focus.

**Fr. Pete**

#### OPENING PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE SYNDOD

Monday, January 19th  
7:00 PM—8:30 PM  
In the Church



#### Mass Intentions

##### Sunday, January 11th • The Baptism of the Lord

**Is 42:1-4, 6-7;** **Acts 10:34-28;** **Mt 3:13-17;**  
7:00 AM For the People of St Bavo  
9:00 AM Gerri Papp  
11:00 AM Michael Galinowski

##### Monday, January 12th

**1 Sm 1:1-8;** **Mk 1:14-20;**  
5:00 PM Camiel Michel

##### Tuesday, January 13th

**1 Sm 1:9-20;** **Mk 1:21-28;**  
8:15 AM Margaret Austin  
5:00 PM Dan Panting

##### Wednesday, January 14th No Chapel Mass

**1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;** **Mk 1:29-39;**

##### Thursday, January 15th

**1 Sm 4:1-11;** **Lk 1:40-45;**  
5:00 PM Ronny Maggioli, Joan McLane, Mark Fralish

##### Friday, January 16th

**1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;** **Mk 2:1-12;**  
8:15 AM Embrence Huys

##### Saturday, January 17th

**1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;** **Mk 2:13-17;**  
8:15 AM Lawrence B Palater  
5:00 PM Shelia O'Dell

##### Sunday, January 18th • The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Is 49:3-5-6;** **1 Cor 1:3;** **Jn 1:29-34;**  
7:00 AM For the People of St Bavo  
9:00 AM Alice & Ray Verhoestra  
11:00 AM Carolyn Thayer

#### This Week In Our Parish

##### Monday, January 12th

6:00 PM—7:00 PM Benedictine Oblates—Meeting Room A

##### Tuesday, January 13th

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Rosary — Church

##### Wednesday, January 14th

5:00 PM—5:30 PM Hope Food Drop Off—Church Parking Lot  
7:00 PM WINGS—Meeting Room A

##### Thursday, January 15th

12:30 PM -3:00 PM Knitting & Crochet Group—Meeting Room C  
7:00 PM 1st District Meeting—Meeting Room A

##### Saturday, January 17th

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM Confessions — Church  
After 5:00 PM Mass Ministry Sign Ups — Meeting Rooms AB

##### Sunday, January 18th

After all Sunday Masses 4:00 PM — 7:00 PM Ministry Sign Ups—Meeting Room AB  
Religious Education— Meeting Rooms ABC

#### Collection for the week of January 4th

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| Adult Envelopes      | \$ 7,235.00 |
| Loose                | \$ 279.00   |
| Electronic Transfers | \$ 1,952.00 |
| Total                | \$ 9,466.00 |

Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00

